

In the Claims:

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1. (Amended) Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel, said extruding screw being characterized by between 2 and 6 thread starts and a pitch angle of between 32 and 42 degrees.

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5. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 1 with a screw LT/De ratio of between 2 and 10.

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6. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 1 wherein the H/wc ratio is under 0.2.

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8. (Amended) Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 10.

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12. (Amended) Extruder according to claim 8 wherein the extruder is a single screw extruder.

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Please insert the following claims 15 through 19.

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15. Extruder according to claim 1 with a screw LT/De ratio of between 2 and 5.

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16. Extruder according to claim 8 wherein the H/wc ratio is over 0.1.

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17. Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 5.

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18. Extruder comprising an extruding screw and a barrel characterized by a pitch angle of between 28 and 45 degrees and a LT/De ratio of between 2 and 4.

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19. Extruder according to claim 17, characterized by a pitch angle of between 32 and 42.